Recruitment of Soldiers in NE States

†1373. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decrease in the recruitment of soldiers in North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any action has been taken to increase the recruitment of soldiers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) There has been no decrease in the recruitment of Army in North-Eastern States, as may be seen from the figures of recruitment of last three years given below:

Year	Allocation of vacancies	Intake
1996-97	2155	2118
1997-98	1989	1925
1998-99	3226	3017

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Pay Scales of Armed Forces

1374. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Armed Forces are not satisfied with the scales suggested by the Fifth Pay Commission;

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